

Carnation Festival and the Wheat Ridge Holiday Lighting Program. Their creation of "Passport to Wheat Ridge", a program which encourages residents to do their holiday shopping in Wheat Ridge, can be used as an example to other communities with the same goals.

I extend my congratulations to Enterprise Wheat Ridge and President, Loretta DiTirro, on this well deserved honor. I commend them for their substantial commitment to our community in their pursuit of a stronger economy within Wheat Ridge, Colorado.

INTRODUCING THE AMERICAN INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT ACT

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the American Infrastructure Investment Act.

Policies passed by the Democratic controlled Congress helped to begin pulling our economy out of recession. The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development recently predicted it could be 3 years before the unemployment rate returns to its pre-recession level. My legislation extends a number of successful job creation programs that are set to expire. It is incentives like those included in this legislation that will help this nation and restore employment levels to what they once were.

By providing federal support for private sector infrastructure investment, this legislation creates real jobs through investment in long-term sustainable economic development. These infrastructure investment programs are used to fund the construction of projects such as bridges, roads, schools and hospitals.

Some communities in my district have unemployment rates as high as 40 percent. If you were to go there and ask folks, I'm sure the answer would be, "Yes, we need more jobs," and "Yes, we want more of the programs that create those jobs." A project in Palm Beach County set to receive benefits from both the Recovery Zone Facility Bonds and New Market Tax Credits, two incentives extended under the American Infrastructure Investment Act, is responsible for 360 construction jobs, 300 permanent full-time jobs and \$1.5 billion in gross regional product within the first 5 years. Legislation passed by Democratic-led Congress has directly led to the creation of 83,000 private sector jobs in June and nearly 600,000 private sector jobs this year.

Build America Bonds are also extended under this legislation. Created under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, these bonds have allowed State and local governments to invest more than \$100 billion in infrastructure projects nationwide and supported more than 1.7 million jobs. These are the very kinds of successful private investment incentive programs that the government should sponsor to kick-start the economy.

Madam Speaker, make no mistake about it—job creation is my number one priority. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation and help create jobs that are desperately needed now.

HONORING DIANE BEACH

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. SHUSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Diane Beach, recipient of the HEALTHSOUTH Personal Achievement Award.

In November 2007, Diane was diagnosed with a cancerous tumor on the C-5/C-6 vertebrae which was traced and found to have originated from her right breast. The tumor was removed causing loss of the use of her left arm—which happened to be her dominant arm. However, even with these unforeseen circumstances, Diane never wavered in her optimism that she would win her fight. She underwent physical therapy at HealthSouth that was physically and mentally demanding, beginning with an initial two-week patient stay, and evolving into several weeks of outpatient therapy.

Through it all, Diane continued to be a valuable asset to Home Instead Senior Care as their Office Manager. She was even consulted during her hospitalizations to continue working on payroll and bookkeeping. Diane also learned to adapt where necessary as she relearned to write with her right hand.

Ms. Beach deserves recognition for her career accomplishments and exemplar spirit, which should serve as an inspiration to us all. I commend Diane for her positive attitude and determination, and I wish her the best in all of her future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Madam Speaker, I regretably missed rollcall votes No. 526, No. 527, and No. 528 because I was testifying before the Institute of Medicine on geographic adjustment factors in Medicare Payment. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner: rollcall No. 526: "yes"; rollcall No. 527: "yes"; rollcall No. 528: "yes."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TOM MCCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 528, had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

CELEBRATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE IRON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

HON. JO ANN EMERSON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mrs. EMERSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 150th Anniversary of

the completion and opening of the Iron County Courthouse in Ironton, Missouri. The cornerstone of the Iron County Courthouse was originally laid on July 4, 1858. The construction of the building was completed and it was opened in October of 1860. This courthouse is a testament to justice in the rural community of Ironton. The legacy it represents is a point of pride to the members of this community.

The Iron County Courthouse represents a place where the laws of our country are protected and upheld. Just as justice must be served in urban areas so it must be protected and served in rural communities around the country. This courthouse represents the values of the people of Southeast Missouri and the deep traditions here. These values and this building have withstood the test of times. The Courthouse survived damage during the Civil War battle of Pilot Knob in September of 1864. The Iron County Courthouse is recognized on the National Register of Historic Places and has been featured in numerous publications.

We have good reasons to recognize the history of this institution in Southeastern Missouri. The Iron County Courthouse has served as the site for countless trials and hearings during its one hundred and fifty years of existence. Along with the Iron County Historical Society and the Iron County Commissions, I celebrate the anniversary of the Iron County Courthouse.

EDUCYBER BRIAN AND MAKI DELAET

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Brian and Maki DeLaet, owners of EduCyber Inc., for receiving the 2010 Wheat Ridge Business of the Year Award.

EduCyber Inc. began as a home based business in 1998 and has successfully grown under the leadership of Brian and Maki DeLaet. Its growth is attributed to the high level of personalized service provided to its clients and the business model used has become one that others seek to incorporate in their own businesses.

Brian and Maki DeLaet are active contributors to the business community. EduCyber is a member of The West Chamber of Commerce, Enterprise Wheat Ridge, Wheat Ridge 2020 and the Applewood Business Association. In addition to their active participation in the community, they have lent their support to new city development projects such as new parks and new bike and walk-ways.

I extend my congratulations to Brian and Maki DeLaet, owners of EduCyber, on their recognition and thank them for their commitment to our community.

HONORING PFC PAUL CUZZUPE

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life, sacrifice, and heroism